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ARTICLES OF MANUFACTURE

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Sir:

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NOVEMBER 27, 2006  
OFFICE ACTION AND PETITION FOR A ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

This Amendment is submitted in response to a November 27, 2006 Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. The November 27, 2006 Office Action provides a one-month period for filing a response. Therefore, a response was originally due on December 27, 2006. Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time. The required fee is \$60.00 for a small entity, such status is applicable to this application and a check for that amount is enclosed. With a one-month extension of time, a response to the November 27, 2006 Office Action is due January 27, 2007. However, because January 27, 2007 falls on a Saturday, a response filed the next business day, i.e., Monday, January 29, 2007, is to be considered timely. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.